

**WEST LOTHIAN 50+ NETWORK
MINUTES OF MEMBERS' MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2019
IN THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB, BATHGATE**

1. The Convenor, Anne Webster, opened the meeting and welcomed new members.

2. AGE SCOTLAND

Anne welcomed Linda Anderson from Age Scotland, who would present the Age Scotland Highly Commended Award to the 50+ Network. Linda gave a brief summary of the work of Age Scotland and praised West Lothian 50+ Network for the work it has done over the past 25 years. She then presented the Certificate for which Anne thanked her on behalf of the 50+ Network. A photograph of present and past Committee Members and Group Leaders would be taken later.

3. WHAT'S MY LINE?

Willie Webster presented the 50+ version of the panel game and introduced the three Panellists - Alex Florence, Ian MacLeod and Jim Kilpatrick. The members took part and enjoyed the good-humoured game. Willie thanked the panellists for giving up their time and making it very enjoyable for everyone. Thanks to Willie Webster for arranging it.

4. TICKET SALES

During the tea and coffee break tickets were on sale for Balloch & Helensburgh, Loch Katrine & Callander, and the Enchanted Forest as well as the Bingo Night on 25th April, Beetle Drive on 30th May and Cheese & Wine evening on 17th May. 25p Pledge forms were also available as were a selection of hand-made cards. A spreadsheet was on display showing details of the current fundraising efforts, listing the applications that were being made. A poster was also on show giving details of the 25th Anniversary events planned. Photos were taken at this point with Linda Anderson from Age Scotland.

5. LOTTERY

This was the final lottery, the winners were:

£25.00 - Jackie McCulloch
£15.00 - Duncan Kerwin
£10.00 - Pauline Bradley

The lottery is being stopped as it is no longer cost effective.

6. FINANCE & GRANTS

Anne gave an update on the financial situation, adding that an application has also been submitted to the Lottery Awards for All. A donation of £500.00 has been received from Linlithgow Round Table. Applications have also gone to all Councillors for funding from the Councillors' Disbursements. If members have the chance to

Speak to their Councillor would they please encourage them to donate as much as possible.

7. HOLIDAYS

Seville: Any members who still want to go on the Seville holiday were asked either to speak to Sheila or go into the office.

China: The date for the China trip would be the last two weeks in May 2020; it is hoped that the cost could be kept to £1800.00 plus £160.00 for a visa. Jim Dixon has sent out a sample itinerary to those members who had expressed an interest. He would call a meeting of those members by the end of May 2019 when a final decision would be made.

8. THEATRE OUTINGS

Due to lack of interest, no bookings will be made for the Mousetrap. If members have ideas for future Theatre outings they should pass them on to Tracy in the office or to Sheila Linscer.

9. MUSSELBURGH RACES

The date for Musselburgh Races Outing has been set for 2nd August – an evening meeting starting at 5.40 p.m. and finishing at 8.40 p.m. Admission is £17.00 for concessions, payable on the day. Lesley Martin will bring details of train and shuttle bus times and costs forward at a later date.

10. DAY TRIPS

28th April 2019 - Balloch & Helensburgh. 3 places are still available on this trip.

26th May 2019 - Loch Katrine & Callander. 24 places sold so far. Cost is £12.00 for the bus and an optional £9.00 for the cruise on the Loch.

23rd October 2019 – Enchanted Forest. 28 places sold so far. Cost is £35.00 for the bus plus an optional £15.00 for High Tea at Fisher's Hotel. It is expected that the trip will return to Bathgate about 10.00 p.m.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. PLEDGE 25

A letter will go out to local businesses. It is planned to ask 25 businesses to make a donation of £25 in our 25th year. It is to be hoped that more than £25 donations will be made.

12. GROUPS

Allan Dungavel informed the meeting that Margaret MacLean would now hand over to Sandra Carr-Pollock as the new leader of the Nu-Yu and that Heather Harrop would hand over to Eileen Lander as new leader of the Book & Blether. He thanked them on behalf of the Network for their hard work, acknowledging that without Leaders such as them the 35+ groups would not be able to continue as they do at present.

13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Call-out notices giving the date, time and venue of the 2019 Annual General Meeting have been circulated to the members. Anyone who is interested in joining the

Committee should give their names to any of the present Committee members or to Tracy in the office.

14. VOLUNTEERS

Members have come forward to volunteer for various tasks and appreciation was given to all of them, but volunteers are still needed to be included in a rota to clean the office and to help with the 25th Anniversary events. Anyone willing to help should contact Tracy in the office.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on 18th May 2019 at 10.30 a.m. in the Royal British Legion Club, Bathgate.